



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

April 13, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 12, 2020. Precipitation for the state ranged from no rain up to 3.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

Crops

Weather conditions were favorable for fieldwork. Producers were planting corn and preparing ground for planting cotton and peanuts. Corn that was planted in previous weeks was emerging and looking good. The wheat crop was developing well with mixed conditions, but overall good. Strawberries were being harvested with good yields. Blueberries were being harvested seasonably early with some low yields reported, due to late winter cold conditions. Spring vegetable planting was in full swing.

Livestock and Pastures

Pastures were developing fast due to favorable weather conditions. Cattle were in good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/12/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted.....	60	22	50	55
Corn - Emerged.....	29	11	22	27
Cotton - Planted.....	0	0	0	0
Peaches - Blooming	91	68	88	96
Tobacco - Transplanted ..	4	0	5	6
Winter wheat - Headed ..	20	15	31	20

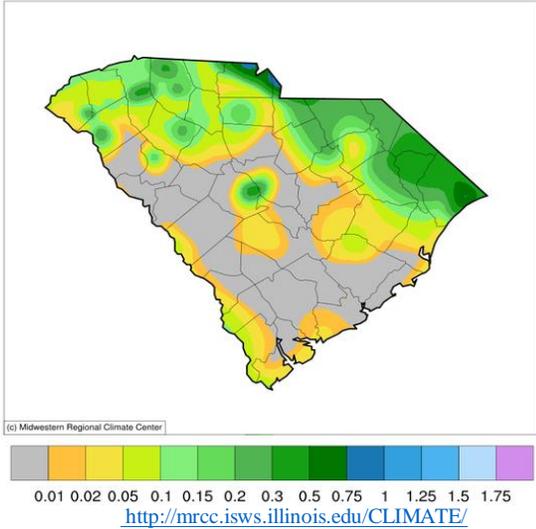
Crop Condition for Week Ending 04/12/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	1	7	76	16
Pasture and range	2	3	25	54	16
Peaches	0	4	25	53	18
Winter wheat	2	9	39	41	9

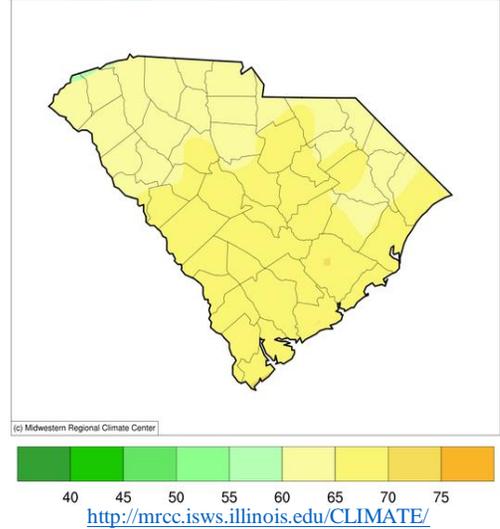
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/12/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	2	5
Adequate	73	84
Surplus	25	11
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	0
Short.....	2	4
Adequate	63	72
Surplus	34	24

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 06, 2020 to April 12, 2020

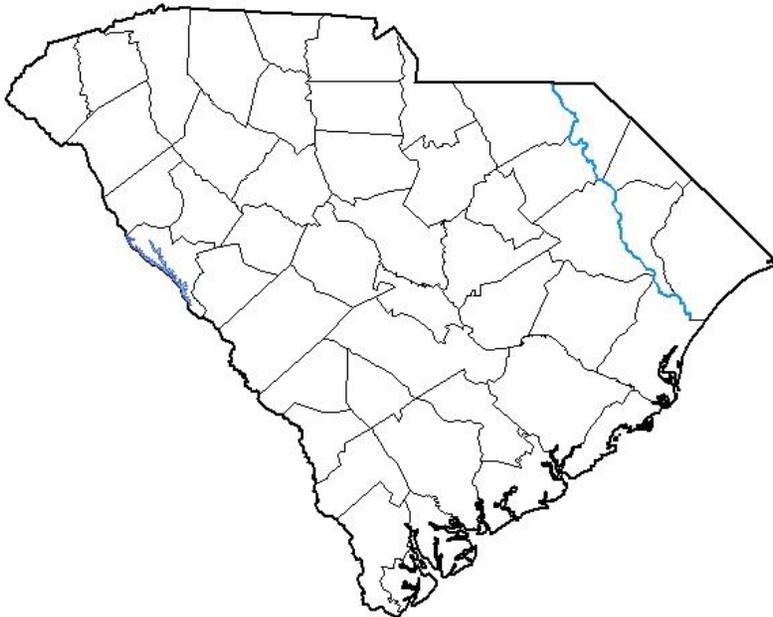


Average Temperature (°F)
April 06, 2020 to April 12, 2020



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2020.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-31-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-07-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2019	22.06	77.94	48.67	20.47	1.77	0.00
One Year Ago 04-09-2019	46.51	53.49	27.70	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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